

**Dear Parents/Carers,**

We are pleased to see the children are revitalised after their Christmas break and are back enthusiastic to learn! If you have any questions, as always, please come and speak to us.

## Autumn 2 in Year 2

### Our topic is: Witches and Wizards

English	Maths	Science	Computing	History
<p><b>Poetry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are learning to read and recite poetry and identify rhyme.</li> </ul> <p><b>Non-fiction writing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will be writing to inform, describe and explain using a range of year 2 grammar skills.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Addition, subtraction and money</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addition and subtraction using the column method.</li> <li>Identifying, sorting and adding and subtracting different amounts of money.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Plants</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Naming a variety of wild plants and garden plants</li> <li>Identifying the key parts of a plant and its purpose</li> </ul>	<p><b>Internet safety</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learning about our digital footprint and how to stay safe online.</li> <li>Making this relevant to us in year 2, to ensure our children know how to be safe online.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Significant events and individuals</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identifying significant events from the past including the GunPowder Plot and Remembrance.</li> <li>Identifying significant individuals from the past including Guy Fawkes.</li> </ul>
PE	RE	Music	RHE	
<p><b>Basic Invasion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sending/Receiving, Attacking, Defending, Dodging, Games/Leadership</li> </ul>	<p><b>Light and dark</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To look at how light is used during different religious celebrations, including Hanukkah, Diwali and Advent.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Sounds like a Celebration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Production and music for celebrations</li> <li>Use their voices expressively and creatively by singing songs and speaking chants and rhymes</li> </ul>	<p><b>Health and wellbeing.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the importance for humans of exercise, eating the right amounts of different types of food, and hygiene.</li> </ul>	

### Websites

There are lots of fun games to help with our learning on the internet, that can be accessed on a tablet or home computer.

#### **Useful websites:**

BugClub

TT Rock Stars

[www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize](http://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize)

[www.topmarks.co.uk](http://www.topmarks.co.uk)

Student logins can be found in their homework folders.

## How can I help my child at home?

### Home Help!

#### Reading and Book Talk:

Reading is an important part of learning and developing children's vocabulary and language skills, therefore we encourage you to read with your child at home. It provides a great opportunity for you and your child to talk, and share ideas and thoughts about what they have read.

We want children to be happy and enthusiastic readers, and hope that children are able to read a variety of genres to broaden their reading experiences. Please don't forget, whenever you read at home your child should fill in a section of their Reading Booklet. As well as home-school reading books, anything that children read can count towards entries on the card. We would love to see the amount of booklets we receive increase this term.

#### Home Reading Books

### Homework, home-reading and PE.

A homework grid will be sent out at the beginning of half term. Each week your child can choose an activity from this grid and complete it.

Homework books are to be handed in every **Monday**.

Home-reading books need to be in your child's bag ready to be changed on **Monday**.

Year 2 have PE on a **Thursday**. Your child needs to bring their PE kit into school, which they can then change into in before their PE lesson.